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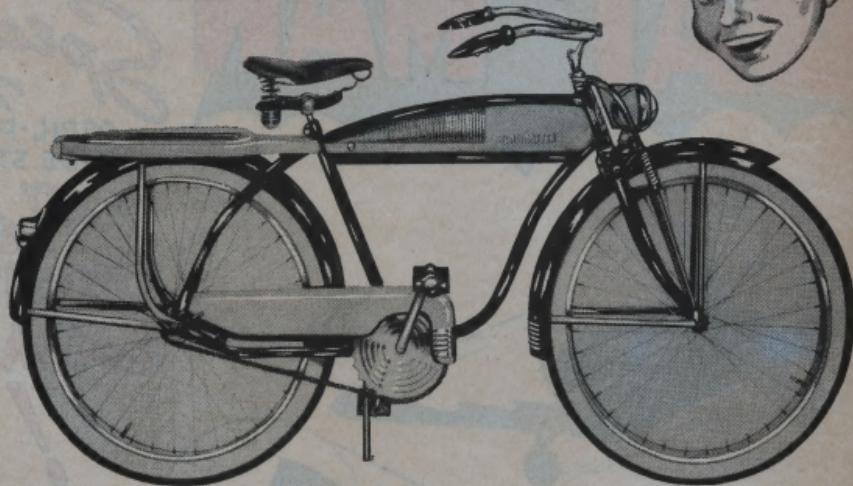
A 52 PAGE
MAGAZINE
Special!
The
PERIL-PACKED
INSIDE STORY OF

"*The*
ORIGIN of
BATMAN"



Tommy Jones says—

"MY ROADMASTER HAS EVERYTHING"



"Hey listen you kids! You should see the slick new Roadmaster I got for my birthday. Boy it's got just everything.

"Pop went down town and bought it. He said it was the grandest bicycle he ever saw. Said it was heaps better than the bike he had when he was my age. Honestly it's a wonder he didn't keep it for himself.

"I can't show you my Roadmaster but here's a picture of it. Look at those

long, sleek, modern lines. See that luggage carrier? Well right on the end is a new tail and stop light that works when you put on the brake. And see that searchbeam headlight? You should see it at night!

"Pop said the men who make Roadmasters know their stuff when they electronically weld those frames to make them 100% stronger." And he liked the Shockmaster fork and the wide base rims that makes the easiest riding bicycle you ever sat on.

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BATMAN

WITH

ROB

-THE BOY W

WHAT'S THE NEWEST THING IN FASHION-
AND IN FELONY? - TWO UNRELATED
IDEAS, BUT THE CATWOMAN WEAVES
THEM TOGETHER TO CREATE A NEW
DESIGN IN BANDITRY! AND WHEN
THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED MODEL OF
THE ROGUES' GALLERY SETS THE
STYLE FOR STEALING, THEN BATMAN
AND ROBIN, LIKE TWIN SCISSOR
BLADES, CUT THROUGH THE PATTERN
FOR PILFERY TO DESTROY FOREVER THE...

*"Fashions in
Crime!"*



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UNDER NIGHT'S PROTECTING DARKNESS,
A FELINE CREATURE CREEPS STEALTHILY
INTO THE WOMEN'S PRISON!

WITH THAT UNERRING INSTINCT ALL
ANIMALS POSSESS, IT SEEKS OUT ITS
MISTRESS — THE
NOTORIOUS
CATWOMAN!

HECATE. I KNEW
YOU WOULD FIND
ME! NOW... I'LL
REMOVE THE SKEL-
ETON KEY AND GAS
CAPSULES I AL-
WAYS KEEP IN
YOUR UTILITY
COLLAR...

TO SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS
YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, THE
NEWS IS A CALL-TO-ARMS!

AND
SOON
AFTER...

WHAT...
UHHHH...

HA! HA!

I REPEAT...
THE CATWOMAN
HAS ESCAPED

WE'D BETTER
GET OUR
BATMAN
AND ROBIN
COSTUMES
READY!

RIGHT!
WE NEVER
KNOW HOW SOON
WE'LL BE NEED-
ING THEM WITH
HER ON THE
LOOSE!

DAYS PASS, AND
ONE AFTERNOON,
AS THE
CATWOMAN
VENTURES FROM
HIDING...

HMMPH!
SHE'S WEARING A
SHORT SKIRT! SHE
DOESN'T HAVE THE
NEW LOOK!

SOMEONE
SHOULD
TELL HER TO
READ A
FASHION
MAGAZINE!

HM-MM! SINCE I'VE BEEN IN
PRISON, THE STYLE HAS CHANGED!
FASHION MAGAZINE! THAT
GIVES ME AN IDEA...





ONE MONTH LATER, A NEW WOMEN'S FASHION MAGAZINE MAKES ITS BOW...

IN A SHORT TIME, DAMSEL BECOMES THE TALK OF THE FASHION WORLD...

DID YOU READ DAMSEL'S NEW DEPARTMENT? IT'S CALLED "THE STYLE OF THE MONTH".

YES, I KNOW! LAST MONTH'S CHOICE WAS A GOWN BY MILLIE KARNALEE! IT'S JUST TOO, TOO!



MR. NIXON, I'M MADAME MODERNE, PUBLISHER OF DAMSEL! I'VE CHOSEN YOUR MINK COAT AS "THE STYLE OF THE MONTH"!

WELL, I'M HIGHLY FLATTERED!

THAT NIGHT... AS BRUCE VISITS A FRIEND, A RADIO EXECUTIVE...

STICK AROUND! WE'RE GETTING THE SET READY FOR DAMSEL MAGAZINE'S TELEVISED FASHION SHOW!

OKAY! WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEW LOOK!



SOON AFTER... HOME TELEVISION SCREENS SHOW THE VIDEO COMMERCIAL...

ALASKA HAS ITS GOLD BUT POSSESSES AN EVEN GREATER TREASURE IN ITS PROUDEST FUR... ALASKA MINK!



AS THE FASHION MODEL PIVOTS FOR THE TELEVISION AUDIENCE, SUDDENLY ...



IN THE STUDIO...



HA! HA!
I'M NOT A
CATFISH,
BUT I CAN FISH
FOR MINK!

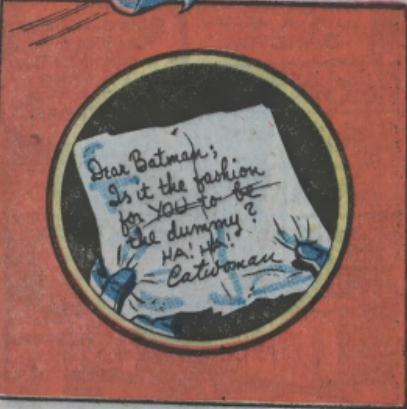
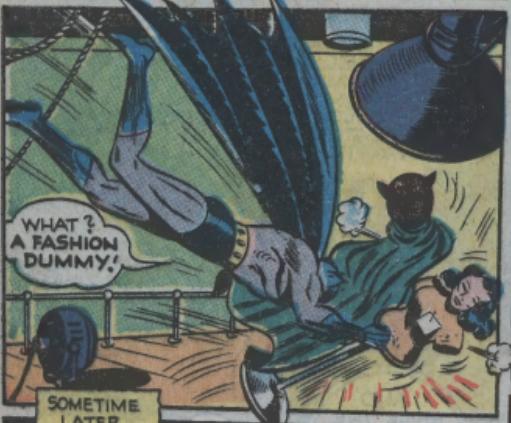
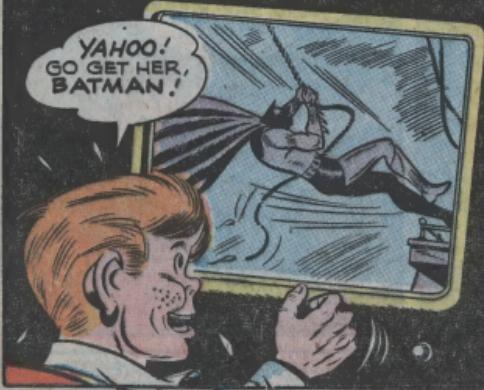
UNNOTICED IN THE EXCITEMENT, BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON SHED THEIR EVERYDAY GARB TO BECOME ONCE AGAIN - BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER!

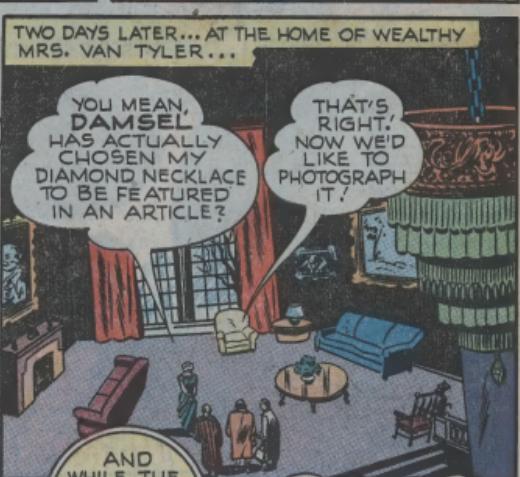


BECUSE
ONLY A CAT
CAN SEE IN
THE DARK!



BUT THE TELEVISION AUDIENCE SEES THE BATMAN RECOVER, SPIN HIS SILKEN LASSO AND ...





VERY MUCH PLEASED, THE DOWAGER REMOVES THE NECKLACE FROM HER WALL SAFE...

THAT NIGHT... AS MRS. VAN TYLER OPENS HER SAFE AGAIN TO PUT AWAY HER RINGS FOR THE NIGHT...

OHHH... I SUDDENLY FEEL FAINT... UHHHH...

SOON AFTER... A POLICE CALL GOES OUT TO THE FAMED BATMOBILE...

CALLING BATMAN! GO TO THE HOME OF MRS. VAN TYLER! CALLING BATMAN! CALLING BATMAN!...

MOMENTS LATER...

AND WHILE I WAS IN A FAINT, THE SAFE WAS OPENED AND THE CATWOMAN STOLE MY NECKLACE! THAT WICKED WOMAN! SHE LEFT THIS DRAWING OF HERSELF!



LATER... BATMAN REVEALS HIS FIRST CLUE TO ROBIN!

SEE MY SKETCH? THAT'S THE USUAL WAY AN ARTIST DRAWS THE NORMAL HUMAN FIGURE—SEVEN HEADS HIGH! BUT IT'S OBVIOUS THE CATWOMAN'S SKETCH IS NINE HEADS HIGH!



ONLY A FASHION ARTIST DRAWS THE HUMAN FIGURE THAT LONG, TO FLATTER THE FEMALE FIGURE IN ADVERTISEMENTS!

I GET IT! MRS. VAN TYLER MENTIONED MADAME MODERNE'S VISIT! THAT COULD MEAN THE CATWOMAN IS MADAME MODERNE!



NEXT DAY... SOME OF GOTHAM CITY'S MOST FASHIONABLE WOMEN RECEIVE ENGRAVED INVITATIONS...

Damsel Magazine invites you to an exclusive preview showing of Damsel's Fashion Exposition

AND IN HER LAIR, THE CRIME QUEEN EXPLAINS TO HER HIRELINGS...

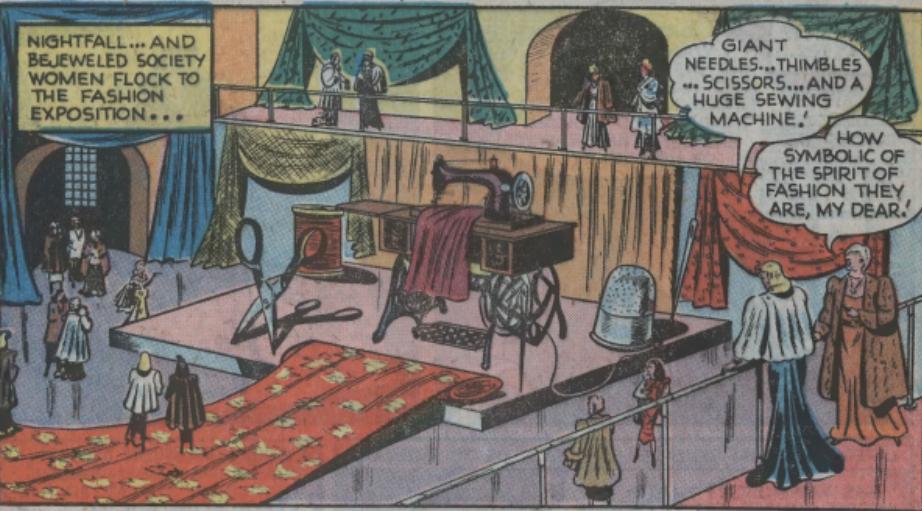
SO, YOU SEE, MY MAGAZINE HAS ANOTHER USE - TO GET THE WEALTHIEST WOMEN IN GOTHAM ALL TOGETHER IN THE SAME PLACE AT THE SAME TIME!

...AND ALL READY FOR PICKIN' AT THE SAME TIME! HAW!

NIGHTFALL... AND BEJEWELED SOCIETY WOMEN FLOCK TO THE FASHION EXPOSITION...

GIANT NEEDLES... THIMBLES... SCISSORS... AND A HUGE SEWING MACHINE!

HOW SYMBOLIC OF THE SPIRIT OF FASHION THEY ARE, MY DEAR!



SUDDENLY... A PURRING VOICE...

GOOD EVENING! AND NOW, LINE UP, PLEASE... AND HAND OVER YOUR VALUABLES!

YEAH... THIS IS A STICK-UP!

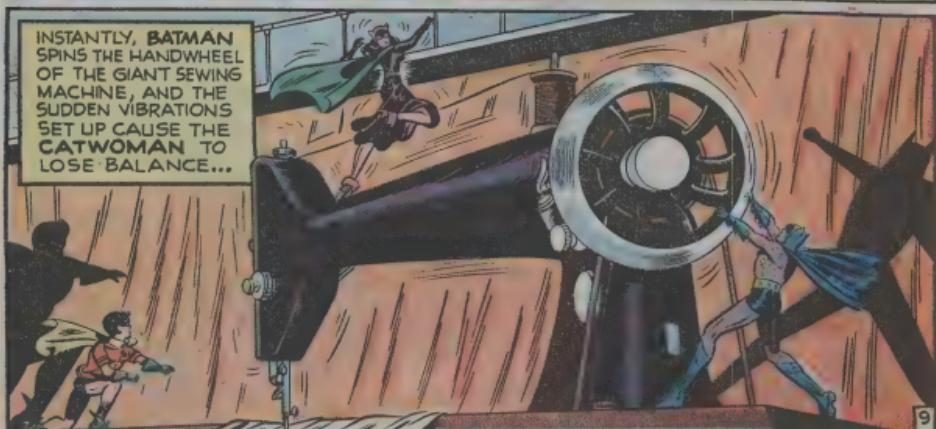
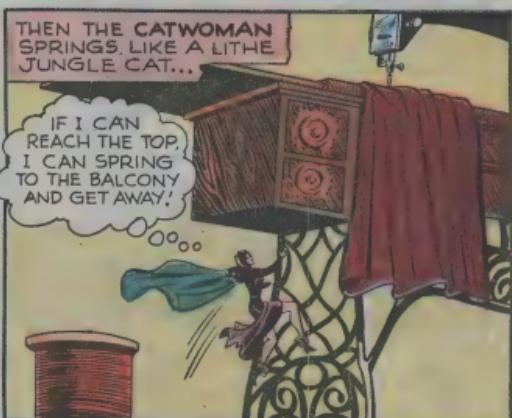
IF THERE'S ANY STICKING TO BE DONE, I'LL DO THE NEEDLING!

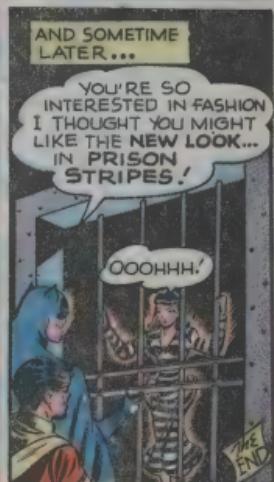


NOW, AMID THE GIANT REPLICAS OF SEWING EQUIPMENT, A STRANGE BATTLE IS TO TAKE PLACE!

OKAY, JOE... LET'S GIVE NOSY A HAIRCUT!







TOPS IN COMICS! BATMAN AND ROBIN ALSO FIGHT THE UNDERWORLD IN DETECTIVE COMICS AND WORLD'S FINEST COMICS —

THE END



ANOTHER RUN
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PROOF
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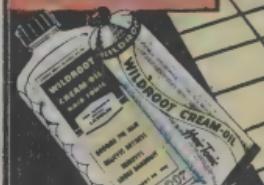
HURRY UP THAT PLANE, JOE! I'VE A LOT OF SKYWRITING TO DO TODAY!



HELLO-SAM SPADE? I'D LIKE YOU TO INVESTIGATE WHY MY PLANES ARE CRACKING UP! THIS IS THE THIRD CRASH LANDING I'VE HAD TO MAKE THIS WEEK.



WILDRONT CREAM-OIL MAKES YOUR HAIR LOOK SMART! GET A BOTTLE OR TUBE AT YOUR DRUG STORE TODAY. ASK YOUR BARBER FOR A PROFESSIONAL APPLICATION.



BATMAN

BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -

BATMAN ON THE CHAIN GANG! THAT'S THE TERRIBLE ORDEAL HE VOLUNTARILY FACES... FOR ONLY BY MAKING HIMSELF A SHACKLED PRISONER COULD THE LAWMAN LEARN THE SECRET BEHIND A SERIES OF DARING ROBBERIES! HOW DOES BATMAN SURVIVE THE BRUTAL TERRORS OF A CRUEL, OUTMODED PENAL SYSTEM... FROM WHICH DEATH IS THE ONLY ESCAPE?





FAR FROM GOTHAM CITY, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE BUSY ON A NEW CASE, AIDING A LOCAL SHERIFF IN ANOTHER STATE...

ROBIN, IF THE "WHISKERS MOB" STRIKES AGAIN TONIGHT, THEY WON'T EXPECT US AROUND!

I HOPE WE CAN STOP THEM! SHERIFF TOBEY SAYS THOSE BANDITS DISAPPEAR LIKE GHOSTS AFTER EACH JOB.

SUDDENLY...

HE-ELP... THE WHISKERS MOB... SLUGGED ME... MY HEAD...OH!

THE SHIP COMPANY'S NIGHT WATCHMAN! MAYBE THE GANG'S STILL THERE. COME ON!

INSIDE THE HUGE PROPELLER MANUFACTURING WING OF THE SHIP COMPANY...

THIS LEADS TO THE SAFE WHERE THEY KEEP THE DOUGH!

THAT LEADS TO JAIL!

BATMAN AND ROBIN!

A HANGING PROP BECOMES A SHIELD AS BATMAN ACTS BOLDLY!

VERY CLEVER! INSTEAD OF MASKS, YOU THUGS WEAR PHONEY WHISKERS!

OW!

OOF!

AND AS FOR ROBIN THE BOY WONDER...

THIS PROPELLER TOUCHES THE ONE THEY'RE STANDING BEHIND, SO IF I CAN HIT IT...

IT WILL SPIN THE OTHER PROP AROUND LIKE THIS!



ABRUPTLY... A CAR SHOOTS UP THROUGH THE WIDE DOORS...

HERE'S OUR BUS. LET'S LAM!

PILE IN, GUYS!

I HEARD SHOTS! WAS IT THE WHISKERS MOB?

EVEN AS THE BANDIT CAR SPEEDS AWAY INTO THE NIGHT, ANOTHER VEHICLE DRAWS UP...

RIGHT, SHERIFF! START AFTER THEM BEFORE THEY DISAPPEAR! WE'LL FOLLOW IN THE BATMOBILE!

BUT THE CHASE IS SHORT-LIVED...

THE THUGS HAVE DYNAMITED THE BRIDGE! WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE BACK ROAD TO CATCH THEM!

BOOM!

LATER... SOMEWHERE ON THE HIGHWAY...

NO SIGN OF THEM! I WONDER IF THEY TURNED DOWN THAT SIDE ROAD?

NOPE! IT LEADS DIRECTLY TO THE COUNTY PRISON CAMP! THAT'S ONE PLACE CROOKS AVOID—ESPECIALLY SINCE WARDEN BELT TOOK OVER!

THE NEW WARDEN IS HARD... AND SO ARE THE MEN HE'S DEPUTIZED AS PRISON GUARDS! NO CROOK WOULD GO NEAR HIS CAMP! WELL, I'LL SEE YOU LATER ON!

WHEN THE SHERIFF HAS GONE, BATMAN'S KEEN EYES NOTE METALLIC GLINTS REFLECTED BY ROBIN'S FLASH...

SLIVERS OF MANGANESE BRONZE... THE SAME METAL USED BY THE SHIP COMPANY IN MAKING PROPELLERS!

THE SHAVINGS MUST'VE STUCK IN THE GANG'S CAR TIRES AT THE PLANT AND DROPPED OFF

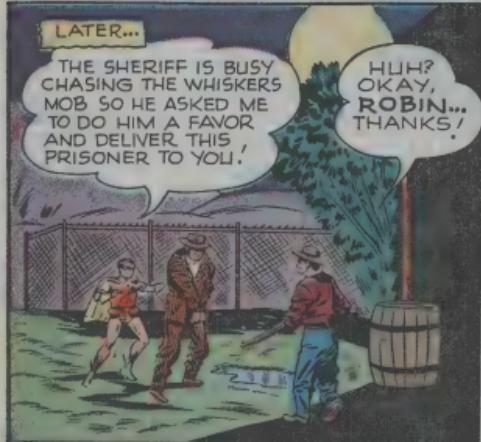
WHEN THE BANDIT CAR TURNED HERE!



BATMAN PRESSES A SECRET BUTTON, AND A FLAP SWINGS DOWN INSIDE THE BAT-MOBILE, REVEALING AN INGENIOUS MAKEUP KIT!

IF BATMAN

ENTERED THE PRISON, THE WARDEN WOULD BE SUSPICIOUS... BUT HE WOULDN'T SUSPECT A PRISONER!



SO IT IS THAT THE DISGUISED BATMAN IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE DREADED WARDEN BELTY.



STRIPED SUIT AND LEG IRONS—THE COSTUME OF PRISONER 458 ON THE CHAIN GANG!

LIKE YER NEW ANKLETS? MAYBE YOU'D LIKE YER INITIALS ENGRAVED ON 'EM! HAW!



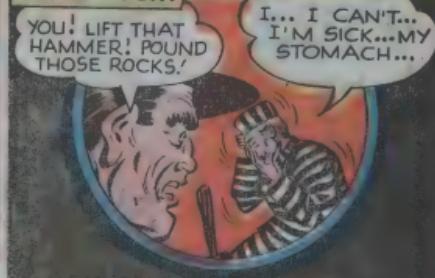
INSIDE THE PRISON BARRACKS, EMACIATED MEN STARE WITH DEAD EYES AT THE NEW CONVICT...



LATER... PRISONERS ARE HERDED INTO TRUCKS... CHAINED IN LIKE ANIMALS!



PRESENTLY, HEAVY ROAD CONSTRUCTION LABOR BEGINS UNDER THE FIERY SUN WHILE BRUTAL GUARDS SHOUT WHIPLASH COMMANDS...



HERE'S A SURE CURE FER YER STOMACH- A GUN BUTT!

WHY, I'LL...

HOLD IT, PAL... YOU'LL GET USED TO SEEIN' THINGS LIKE THAT AROUND HERE.



THAT'S ONE OF THE WHISKERS MOB WHOSE FALSE BEARD DROPPED WHEN I SOCKED HIM! HMM... I WONDER HOW HEAVY THAT BALL REALLY IS?...

WITH A PRECISION-AIMED SWING OF HIS HAMMER, BATMAN SENDS A LOOSE ROCK HURTLING AT THE METAL BALL...

OOPS!
SORRY, PAL
... I SLIPPED!

HEY!

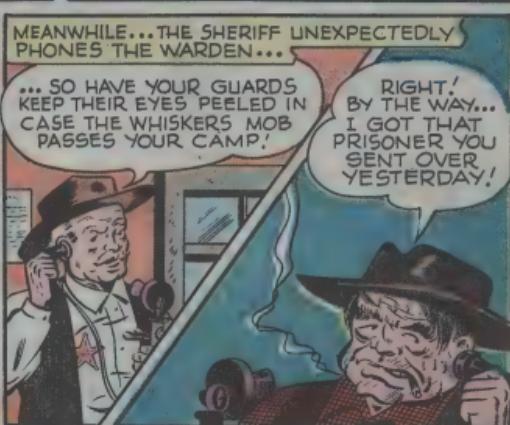


DENTED! IF IT WERE REALLY A HEAVY IRON BALL, THAT ROCK COULDN'T HAVE BUDGED IT! IT'S HOLLOW ALUMINUM PAINTED BLACK!

MEANWHILE... THE SHERIFF UNEXPECTEDLY PHONES THE WARDEN...

... SO HAVE YOUR GUARDS KEEP THEIR EYES PEELED IN CASE THE WHISKERS MOB PASSES YOUR CAMP!

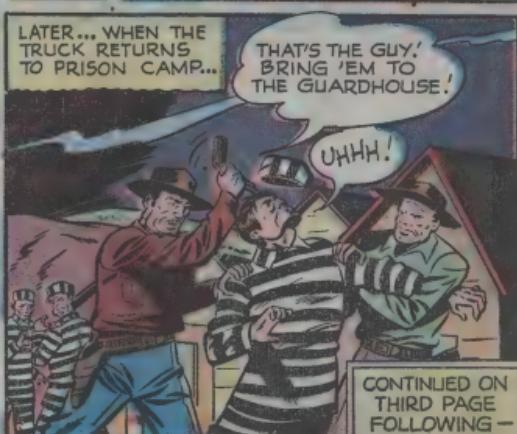
RIGHT!
BY THE WAY...
I GOT THAT PRISONER YOU SENT OVER YESTERDAY!



STOP RIBBING ME, BELTT!
YOU KNOW I NEVER SENT
OVER ANY PRISONER!
'BYE! (CLICK)'

LATER... WHEN THE TRUCK RETURNS
TO PRISON CAMP...

THAT'S THE GUY!
BRING 'EM TO
THE GUARDHOUSE!



CONTINUED ON
THIRD PAGE
FOLLOWING -

Bazooka

THE ATOM

BUBBLE BOY

in
THE MISSING
MESSENDER

HERE'S THE STORY! THE CAULLEY GANG HAS SPOTTED ALBERT CRANE, THE BANK MESSENGER IN A SHACK HALFWAY UP THE MOUNTAIN!

WE SPOTTED 'EM FROM A PLANE BUT WE CAN'T LAND WITHIN 20 MILES!

AND IF WE GO UP THE MOUNTAIN AFTER THEM THEY'RE LIABLE TO KILL CRANE AND RUN FOR IT!

THIS IS SOMETHING NEW: A **SLEEP BOMB**! MEANWHILE WE CAN GO UP THE MOUNTAIN AND GRAB THEM!

I THINK I CAN DO IT.



THIS IS MY SPECIAL BAZOOKA BUBBLE GUM! WATCH ME BLOW A GIANT BUBBLE AND SAIL OFF TO THE MOUNTAIN!

MY KIDS CHEW BAZOOKA, TOO! SIX BIG CHEWS FOR A NICKEL! THAT'S A BARGAIN!

WHAT A BUBBLE! WHAT A BOY!

COOL AS ICE! HE'S READING THE COMIC THAT COMES WITH HIS PACKAGE OF BAZOOKA GUM!

AKOOZAB! AKOOZAB! AND DOWN I GO!

HERE GOES THE SLEEP BOMB AND IN A FEW HOURS THE POLICE WILL BE HERE TO GRAB THE CAULLEY GANG!



GREAT WORK, BAZOOKA! WHEN THEY WENT TO SLEEP, I WENT IN AND GOT MR. CRANE AND THE BAG OF MONEY!

TO SLEEP, I WENT IN AND GOT MR. CRANE AND THE BAG OF MONEY!



SAVE WRAPPERS FOR SWELL PRIZES

HEY KIDS, YOU GET SIX BIG CHEWS FOR 5¢ WITH BAZOOKA BUBBLE GUM AND A COMIC STRIP IN EVERY PACKAGE!

AND BAZOOKA BUBBLE GUM HAS THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE SEAL! THAT'S IMPORTANT!



THE SECRET of MYSTERY MOUNTAIN!

ANOTHER JIM WISE "P-F" SPORTS STORY

WE WEREN'T LOOKING FOR TROUBLE WHEN WE STARTED OUR HIKE...

PEE WEE'LL BE POOPED BY THE TIME WE CLIMB THIS MOUNTAIN.

POOPED, EH? IF THEY ONLY KNEW THE TIP JIM WISE GAVE ME...

HEY! THERE ARE SOME MEN UP AT THE DESERTED CABIN!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

QUIET NOW, FELLOWS. WE'LL HIDE THE LOOT HERE UNTIL THE COAST IS CLEAR!



PEE WEE, RUN DOWN AND GET THE STATE POLICE.

HE'LL NEVER MAKE IT... LET ME GO.



WHAT JIM TOLD THE BOYS ABOUT "P-F" HERE'S WHY "P-F" GIVES YOU MORE STAYING POWER, SPEEDS UP YOUR GAME, MAKES YOU A BETTER ATHLETE:

1. THIS RIGID WEDGE KEEPS THE BONES OF THE FOOT IN THEIR NATURAL, NORMAL POSITION.

2. THIS SPONGE RUBBER CUSHION ASSURES COMFORT FOR THE SENSITIVE AREA OF THE FOOT.



* TRADE MARK

"P-F" MEANS POSTURE FOUNDATION... A PATENTED FEATURE FOUND ONLY IN "P-F" CANVAS SHOES

HEY, PIPE DE KID... GET HIM!



AFTER HIM, QUICK!

BAWG



BUT JIM AND THE BOYS STEP IN...

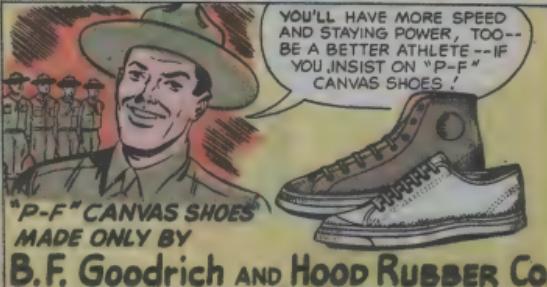


IN THE EXCITEMENT, ONE OF THE ROBBERS ESCAPES WITH THE MONEY...



OUR MEN PICKED UP GOSH, WHAT A NUMBER THREE... THANKS RUNNER! IT'S "P-F" TO YOUR SPEED, PEE WEE!

FOR ALL OF US NOW!



"P-F" CANVAS SHOES
MADE ONLY BY

B.F. Goodrich and Hood Rubber Co.



WHEN CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS...

TALK! YOU AINT NO CONVICT! YOU CAME HERE TO SNOOP! WHO ARE YOU, MISTER?

THEY DON'T KNOW I'M BATMAN! THAT'S A BREAK! MAYBE I CAN BLUFF MY WAY OUT OF THIS JAM!

THE DISGUISED BATMAN RIPS AT A WIDE STRIP OF FLESH-COLORED, SKIN-TIGHT TAPE COVERING HIS CHEST...

I'VE GOT MY CREDENTIALS UNDER THIS Little HIDING PLACE I'VE BEEN CARRYING AROUND WITH ME!



THEN HE UNFOLDS THE LATEST SCIENTIFIC MIRACLE—A COSTUME MADE OF NEW PLASTIC MATERIAL SO FINE IT CAN BE FOLDED INTO A THIN PACKET!

BATMAN!

THE SHERIFF SENT ME HERE! IF I'M MISSING, HE'LL KNOW YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE.



SUDDENLY, ONE OF THE CONVICTS INTERRUPTS...

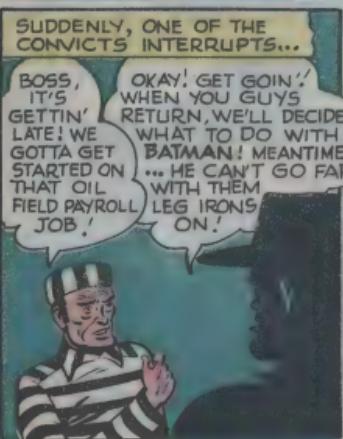
BOSS, IT'S GETTIN' LATE! WE GOTTA GET STARTED ON THAT OIL FIELD PAYROLL JOB!

OKAY! GET GOIN'! WHEN YOU GUYS RETURN, WE'LL DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH BATMAN! MEANTIME, ... HE CAN'T GO FAR WITH THEM LEG IRONS ON!

AND NOW THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE BALL-AND-CHAIN IS REVEALED!

YEAH... TOO BAD BATMAN'S LEG IRONS DON'T SLIP OFF AS EASY!

'COURSE OURS ARE MADE A LITTLE BIG FOR OUR FEET! HAW! HAW!





THE DOOR SLAMS SHUT... AND BATMAN IS ALONE WITH THOUGHTS OF ESCAPE!

I REMEMBER READING ABOUT A CONVICT WHO ESCAPED BY SAWING THROUGH IRON BARS WITH HIS WOOLEN SOCKS! MINE ARE WOOL! IT'S WORTH A TRY!

NOW... WITH THESE STRANDS I'VE UNRAVELED FROM MY SOCK, I RAKE THE HARSH WOOL OVER THIS LEG IRON...



AS THE FIRST IRON PARTICLES WEAR AWAY FROM THE LEG RING, THEY ADHERE TO THE STRANDS, PROVIDING AN ABRASIVE FOR CUTTING!

IT'S WORKING! NO WONDER INMATES IN MOST PRISONS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR COTTON STOCKINGS THESE DAYS!



HOURS LATER... BATMAN STANDS ERECT... UNSHACKLED!



TWO LIVE BATS UP IN THE RAFTERS! IF I COULD TRAP ONE AND LET IT OUT THROUGH THE IRON BARS ON A STRING...



SOON AFTER... FROM HIS VIGIL IN THE HILLS, ROBIN'S FIELD GLASSES BRING HIM A STARTLING CLOSEUP!

A BAT-SIGNAL FROM BATMAN! HE NEEDS ME!





LATER... A LONG BRANCH IS BROUGHT INTO PLAY!

MIND IF I VISIT AWHILE?

BEFORE THE ASTOUNDED GUARD CAN ACT, ROBIN COMPLETES HIS MISSION!

COME ON, BATMAN... LET'S SEE HOW GOOD YOU ARE AT RUNNING!



IF WE'RE GOING TO WIN THIS RACE, WE'VE GOT TO SLOW UP THE OPPONITION! NOW—LET'S GO!



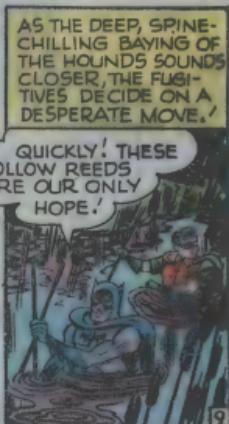
AS THE DYNAMIC DUO IS SWALLOWED UP BY THE SURROUNDING BRUSH, BELT MAKES QUICK PLANS FOR PURSUIT.

GET THOSE BLOODHOUNDS AFTER 'EM! IF THEY ESCAPE, OUR SETUP HERE IS FINISHED! SHOOT TO KILL!

WE'VE GOT THE SCENT NOW! THEY WON'T GET FAR!

AS THE DEEP, SPINE-CHILLING BAYING OF THE HOUNDS SOUNDS CLOSER, THE FUSIVES DECIDE ON A DESPERATE MOVE!

QUICKLY! THESE HOLLOW REEDS ARE OUR ONLY HOPE!







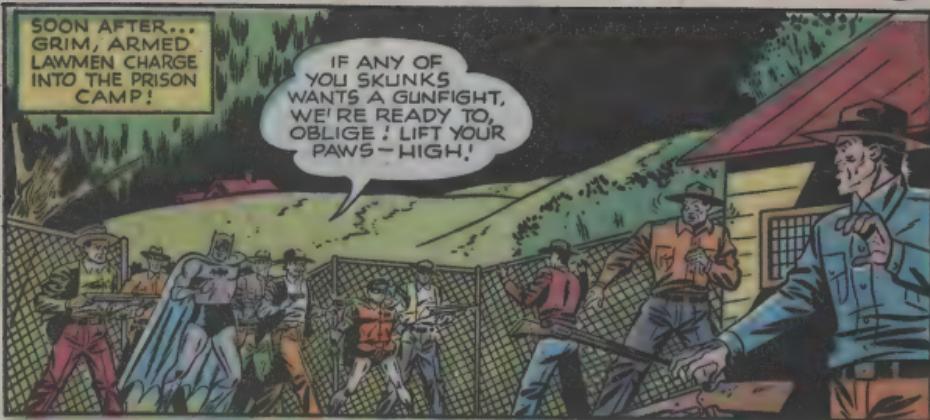
MEANWHILE, BATMAN FINDS HIMSELF IN A PRECARIOUS POSITION!





SOON AFTER...
GRIM, ARMED
LAWMEN CHARGE
INTO THE PRISON
CAMP!

IF ANY OF
YOU SKUNKS
WANTS A GUNFIGHT,
WE'RE READY TO,
OBLIGE! LIFT YOUR
PAWS-HIGH!



DON'T WASTE A
BULLET, SHERIFF...
I'VE GOT JUST THE
THING FOR
HIM!
BELTT'S
MAKIN' A
RUN FOR IT!
I'LL STOP
HIM!

WIELDED BY BATMAN, IT
IS IRONICAL THAT LEG
CHAINS TRAP THE BRUTAL
CHIEF OF THE CHAIN GANG!

THAT'S YOUR
CONSCIENCE
YOU'RE TRIP-
PING
OVER!

HONEST
LAWMEN ALL
OVER OUR COUNTRY
AN' YOU HAD TO
COME ALONG!
IT'S A GOOD THING
MOST OF OUR WARD-
ENS ARE
HONEST!

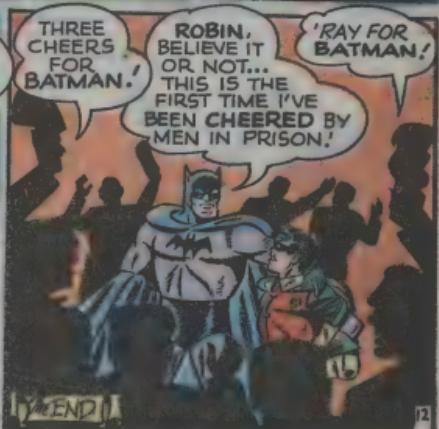
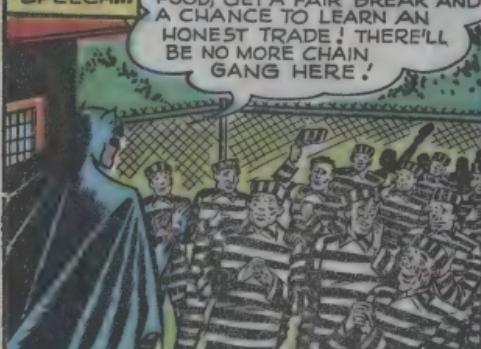
LATER...
BATMAN
MAKES A
SPEECH...

... AND IN CON-
CLUSION, MAY I SAY THAT FROM
NOW ON YOU'LL EAT DECENT
FOOD, GET A FAIR BREAK AND
A CHANCE TO LEARN AN
HONEST TRADE! THERE'LL
BE NO MORE CHAIN
GANG HERE!

THREE
CHEERS
FOR
BATMAN!

ROBIN,
BELIEVE IT
OR NOT...
THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME I'VE
BEEN CHEERED BY
MEN IN PRISON!

'RAY FOR
BATMAN!



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NEXT DAY



3 "So! Soon as I buy a new flashlight, my old one turns up. I'll hide this new one away somewhere so it'll be safe."

2 1/2 YEARS LATER



4 "Being in the army put this hunt off too long, but at last we've got a few. Now, my skinning knife—in the attic, I think."



2 But, meanwhile, another goose has been caught by a crafty coyote, and is being carried away for a big family feast.



5 "Here's the knife—and look—here's that flashlight I hid away—let's see—why that was 'way over 2 years ago!"



6 "Whadda you know—it works! What kind of batteries could possibly stay fresh that long? Let's take a look at them."



7 "I thought so. See? They're Ray-O-Vac Leak Proofs—the modern kind that are sealed in steel to keep them fresh."



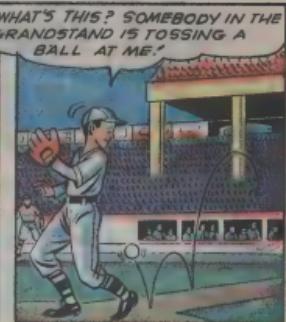
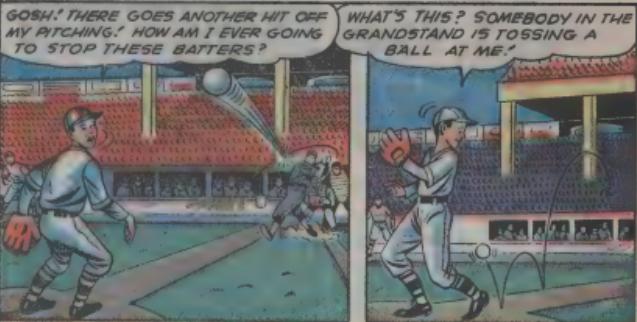
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THE ADVENTURES OF
POPSICLE PETE
AND
BOB FELLER



THAT'S OKAY,
PETE! YOU DID
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW
YOU WERE
HERE!
I'M GLAD MY EXPERI-
ENCE COULD HELP
YOU!

I'VE FOUND THAT PEOPLE WITH
EXPERIENCE ARE USUALLY GLAD
TO GIVE YOU A HAND WHEN YOU
NEED IT. *Popsicle Pete*

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WINGED JUSTICE

By TED ROSEN

THE young boy bit his lip, making a valiant effort to hold back the tears, as he heard his father's decision.

"I've been telling you for almost a week," Mr. Cane said irritably, "that I want you to get rid of those pigeons, and destroy that chicken coop arrangement you put up." He glared at Charlie. "I don't care who gave you the pigeons, they don't belong around this house."

Mr. Cane waved a fork at his wife. "You know that too, Martha, so don't try siding with the boy. He can find some other hobby. Hmmpf. It's a wonder a man can't have a little peace and quiet around the house when he gets home to meals. I certainly don't get it at work."

Mrs. Cane looked at her son. She wished he could understand that only this trouble at the Claims' Office, where Mr. Cane worked for the Government, made the boy's father so irritable. Prospectors were coming in trying that their claims had been jumped. Yet they could furnish no proof. She sighed. Well, maybe when the Marshal got here to investigate, things would be different. If only that Army Sergeant, who had pulled out with his detachment, hadn't taken such a fondness to young Charles and given him those two pigeons.

"Tomorrow I want that coop destroyed and those pigeons given away. Or I'll do it myself. You understand?" Mr. Cane asked his son.

The boy's lower lip trembled. "Yes, Pa." No use explaining again how special these pigeons were.

It seemed at dinner as though his whole world had crashed around young Charlie's head.

Just when the idea came to him to run away, he couldn't tell. All he knew was that he wanted to keep his pigeons. It was useless trying to argue with his father, to make him see.

"Yes, I know, dear, what store you set by your pets," his mother said kindly as she came into the room to bid her son goodnight, "but I'm afraid this time we'll have to do what Dad says." She tried to manage a reassuring smile, knowing the boy's heartache. "Maybe when some of his work lessens, he'll send to Kansas

City and get some for you." She bent over and kissed him. "And now, son, goodnight."

In the darkness, Charlie lay wide awake. Outside in the soft summer night, he could hear the cooing of his birds.

He'd go into the hills, that's what. "And they'll never see me again," he said sadly, feeling sorry for himself, "not until I'm grown up. Then, they'll be sorry."

He stole from the house shortly after midnight. Under his arm was a small crate containing his pigeons. In his school knapsack, he had placed some cold meat and half a loaf of bread.

The weather had been unseasonably warm, and there was just the slightest chill as he struck out for the hills. Usually, it would be cold, so Charlie was grateful for the miraculous weather.

He reached the foothills and started to climb. He was not afraid of the night, but so preoccupied was he with his thoughts that he didn't notice the stars suddenly disappear, and the night cloud over.

With startling suddenness the rainstorm broke. It came down in torrents, accompanied by crashing rolls of thunder and lightning.

Panic struck at the boy as he realized he had lost his way. He cried out for help, and the sound was lost against the thunder and the wind. Then, as the heavens seemed to split open, Charlie saw the rude cabin. He ran toward it, fear lending wings to his bruised feet.

The door was locked, which was unusual. People in these hills didn't lock things. They trusted one another. "Help! Help!" Charlie banged on the door, his frightened cries rolling out one after another.

After moments that seemed years a flickering light appeared in the window. The door opened a crack, and a lantern was held in Charlie's face. The muzzle of a shotgun was in his stomach. A voice said, "What in tarnation. Why, it's a lad! Come in boy!"

Trembling with fear and cold, Charlie went into the rude room. A grizzled old prospector,

with kindly eyes, was looking at him. The old man had on a flannel night shirt. "What you doing here, boy?"

The scared lad blurted out the whole story, while the prospector rummaged for dry clothes. When Charlie finished his story, and was drinking some hot milk, the old man grinned, "Well, boy, guess I can't hold it agin you for running away. Pears to me I did it sort of regular when I was a shaver." He chuckled, looked at the pigeons. "Them's right cute birds, but nothing to run away from home fer." He scratched his grayed locks. "Now you just roll up by that fire and tomorrow you and I'll go back and explain to your paw. I got business with him anyhow."

Charlie's eyes widened. The old man, whose name was Nate said, "Yep. I got it written all down. Made my strike today, and I want to get it registered before them varmints that's been claim jumpin' try anything with me. Too many people, I'm afraid, know a man's business these days. That's why I kept the door locked and came up to you with a gun, lad."

Old Nate patted Charlie's head. "Now you just get right down to sleep." He watched while Charlie bedded down, then blew out the light. Outside, the storm beat against the cozy cabin. Charlie, tired out, closed his eyes. Time enough tomorrow to think.

The old man's outraged cry woke him in the morning. Charlie sat up, frightened. Two men, the lower part of their faces covered with bandanas, were holding guns on Nate. In his hand, one of the men held Nate's map, which had been on the table.

He turned, hearing Charlie. "Who's this kid?"

"Friend of mine," Nate said. He spat. "He won't hurt you, claim jumpers."

The man nearest Nate roared. "Don't get riled, Pop," he said. "no one's getting hurt. We just happen to know you hit a vein yesterday. After one of us registers your claim, and comes back, you and the kid can be alone again." He nodded to his friend. "Get going, and back as fast as you can. I'll ride herd on these two."

His bright eyes menaced Nate. He picked up the prospector's shotgun. "Too bad we ate, Pop, or you could fix for us. No harm in you fixing your own chow, though. I'll be sitting right outside. Waiting and watching" He shrugged.

"This place smells."

Nate bridled, but said nothing. His eyes looked hopelessly at Charlie, then he said dourly. "I thought my mule got loose, and I opened the door to see. It was them claim jumpers." Nate shrugged. "Well, I guess there's nothing can be done. Might as well make the best of it boy. Once he registers that claim, it's his."

"But that's dishonest," Charlie cried.

"Sure boy," said Nate, readying a skillet. "But he's getting to your Pop's office afore me. I'd have to have wings to beat him."

Wings? Charlie's heart leaped. It was odd, but the men hadn't noticed the pigeons, in their covered coop. Luckily, the birds had remained quiet. "Nate," he said, "copy that map, quick. Maybe we can do something about it. I'll watch the door."

In whispers, Charlie explained. The old man scratched his head. "Tarnation," he said, "what an idee. Think it'll work?"

"I don't know," said Charlie. "It all depends on Mom."

The hours dragged by after breakfast, first one, then two, then three. It was past high noon, shortly after they had lunched, their captor still wearing his bandana covering his face, when a horse's hoofbeat sounded outside. The man said:

"Just sit tight. It's my pal, coming back." He got up, his gun ready.

A bulky form loomed in the doorway. A star glinted from the man's chest, and a ray went to the six gun in his hand. He fired as the claim jumper reached. The man went down, a bullet in his shoulder.

Nate blinked. "Sheriff," he gasped, "I was never so glad to see anyone afore."

The man smiled. "Not Sheriff; Marshal. I came into town today to try to apprehend these claim jumpers." He looked at Charlie, and a big grin came over his face. "And much obliged am I to you, lad, for making it a short job" He hauled the wounded claim jumper to his feet. "We picked up his pal when he came in to register the stolen claim. That sure was a bright idea of yours son, to send that homing pigeon back with a message and Nate's claim. Your Mom caught on right away." He put an arm around Charlie's shoulder. "And she said to tell you to be sure and bring that other pigeon home. Your Dad wants to build a new coop for them!"

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BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY BRUCE WAYNE, A SOCIETY BLUE-BLOOD, CHOSE THE DANGEROUS CAREER OF **BATMAN**? WHAT MADE HIM BECOME A RELENTLESS, HARD-HITTING CRIME-FIGHTER? HOW DID HE TRAIN HIMSELF IN ATHLETIC AND SCIENTIFIC SKILL UNTIL HE BECAME THE NEMESIS OF THE JOKER, THE PENGUIN, CAT-WOMAN AND OTHER NEFARIOUS CRIMINALS OF OUR TIME? WHAT INSPIRED THE **BATMOBILE** AND THE **BATPLANE**? HERE IS THE ANSWER... THE INSIDE STORY OF A BOY WHO MADE A GRIM VOW... THE INSIDE STORY OF...

**"The Origin of
THE BATMAN!"**





BONG! BONG!

MIDNIGHT
OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY,
AND AS A TRANSPORT
TRUCK ROARS OVER
THE HIGHWAY, A SUDDEN
BLOWOUT SPELLS DOOM!

SHOOOOSH!



WITNESSES TO THE DISASTER ARE
BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY
WONDER, HOMEWARD BOUND IN
THEIR STREAMLINED BATMOBILE,
AFTER AN EVENING OF CRIME-
SMASHING...

IT LOOKS BAD,
ROBIN. THAT TRUCK
FOLDED UP LIKE A
CHUNK OF
TINFOIL!



BUT, ROBIN, DAZED, UNWITTINGLY TRIPS BATMAN, AND DEATH HOVERS OMINOUSLY OVER THE CAPE MANHUNTER...

I'M MEASURIN' YOU FOR A COFFIN, BATMAN—RIGHT NOW!

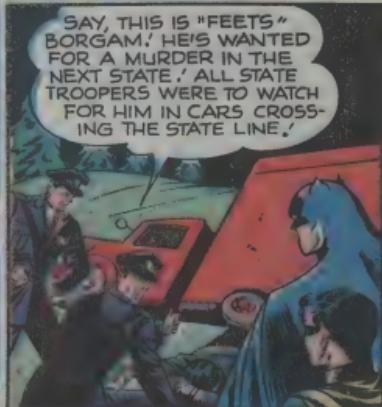
ABRUPTLY, A BULLET FROM NOWHERE CLIPS THE MURDEROUS THUG...



WE HEARD THE CRASH! I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL THAT TRIGGERMAN, BUT IT WAS HIM OR YOU.'

THE
RADIO
PATROL!

SAY, THIS IS "FEETS" BORGAM! HE'S WANTED FOR A MURDER IN THE NEXT STATE. ALL STATE TROOPERS WERE TO WATCH FOR HIM IN CARS CROSSING THE STATE LINE!

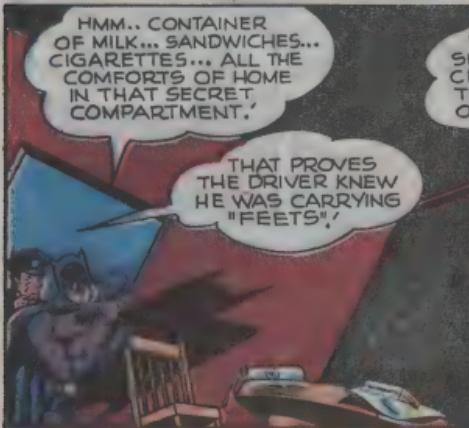


HMM.. CONTAINER OF MILK... SANDWICHES... CIGARETTES... ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME IN THAT SECRET COMPARTMENT.

THAT PROVES THE DRIVER KNEW HE WAS CARRYING "FEETS"!

A NEW RACKET, EH? SMUGGLING HOT CROOKS ACROSS THE LINE INTO OTHER STATES!

IT'S OBVIOUS THE DRIVER WASN'T ALONE IN THIS SET-UP. I WONDER IF THE OWNER OF THE LAND-SEA-AIR TRANSPORT CO. IS TOP MAN?



AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECURES QUICK INFORMATION...

THE REPORT SAYS THE NEW LSA OWNER BOUGHT OUT THE OLD OWNER, FIRED THE OLD TRUCKERS AND HIRED A NEW STAFF. THE OWNER'S NAME IS JOE CHILL! HERE'S A RADIO-PHOTO OF HIM...



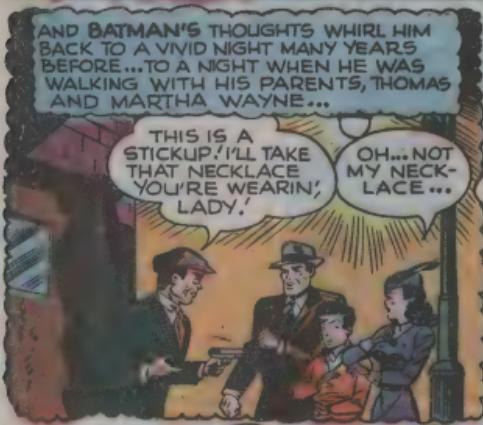
THAT FACE... AFTER ALL THESE YEARS... IT'S HE! THE FACE OF THE MAN WHO KILLED MY PARENTS.'



AND BATMAN'S THOUGHTS WHIRL HIM BACK TO A VIVID NIGHT MANY YEARS BEFORE... TO A NIGHT WHEN HE WAS WALKING WITH HIS PARENTS, THOMAS AND MARTHA WAYNE...

THIS IS A STICKUP! I'LL TAKE THAT NECKLACE YOU'RE WEARIN', LADY!

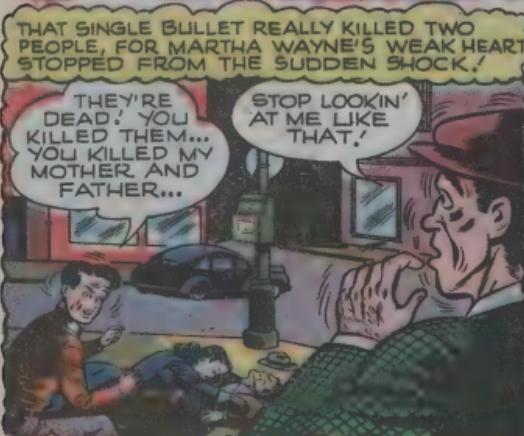
OH... NOT MY NECK-LACE...



THAT SINGLE BULLET REALLY KILLED TWO PEOPLE, FOR MARTHA WAYNE'S WEAK HEART STOPPED FROM THE SUDDEN SHOCK!

THEY'RE DEAD! YOU KILLED THEM... YOU KILLED MY MOTHER AND FATHER...

STOP LOOKIN' AT ME LIKE THAT!



SOMETHING ABOUT YOUNG BRUCE'S EYES MADE THE KILLER RETREAT... THEY WERE ACCUSING EYES THAT MEMORIZED HIS EVERY FEATURE... EYES THAT WOULD NEVER FORGET...



THE KILLER WAS NEVER FOUND, AND SOON AFTER, A YOUNG LAD MADE A GRIM PROMISE...

I SWEAR I'LL DEDICATE MY LIFE AND INHERITANCE TO BRINGING YOUR KILLER TO JUSTICE... AND TO FIGHTING ALL CRIMINALS! I SWEAR IT!

THE YEARS PASSED AS BRUCE WAYNE PREPARED FOR HIS CHOSEN CAREER!

WAYNE
THOMAS MARTHA
DIED 1915
BORN 1895
DIED 1915



HE TRAINED HIS BODY TO SUCH PHYSICAL AND ATHLETIC PERFECTION THAT HE COULD PERFORM ANY DAREDEVIL FEAT...



THEN, ONE DAY HE WAS READY FOR HIS NEW ROLE.

CRIMINALS ARE A SUPERSTITIOUS, COWARDLY LOT, SO I MUST WEAR A DISGUISE THAT WILL STRIKE TERROR INTO THEIR HEARTS! I MUST BE A CREATURE OF THE NIGHT, LIKE A... A...



AND, AS IF IN ANSWER, A WINGED CREATURE FLEW IN THROUGH THE OPEN WINDOW!



THUS WAS BORN THIS WEIRD FIGURE OF THE SHADOWS...THIS AVENGER OF EVIL - THE BATMAN!



AS BATMAN, BRUCE WAYNE HAD SEARCHED ALL CRIMINAL HAUNTS. BUT THERE'D BEEN NO SIGN OF THE KILLER - TILL NOW!

WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO TAKE OVER THIS CASE!

ODD! BATMAN LOOKED SO STRANGE WHEN HE SAID THAT. I WONDER WHY?

AT HOME, AFTER BATMAN EXPLAINS TO HIS YOUNG PARTNER...

SORRY, ROBIN, THIS IS ONE JOB I'M DOING ALONE! I DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN - YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHY.

THE KILLER OF YOUR PARENTS, EH? WELL... LET'S GO GET HIM!

THE NEXT DAY, A DISGUISED BATMAN CALLS AT THE L.S.A. TERMINAL...

YOU WANT A JOB AS A TRUCKER? THAT'S UP TO THE BOSS, BUD!

SO AT LONG LAST, BRUCE WAYNE COMES FACE TO FACE WITH THE MAN HE HAD VOWED TO TRACK DOWN!

HE HASN'T CHANGED! HE'S STILL CRUEL... STILL A KILLER!

ON YOUR WAY, PUNCHY! I ONLY HIRE GUYS I KNOW!

LATER... HE'S CAGEY! ONLY WANTS DRIVERS HE'S SURE HE CAN TRUST. THAT KILLS MY CHANCES OF GETTING INSIDE HIS GANG! WHAT NOW?

I'VE GOT IT! I'M GOING TO BRING BUSINESS TO JOE CHILL!

SNAP!



THAT NIGHT, BATMAN RIDES WITH THE POLICE HARBOR PATROL...

SO THAT SHOWBOAT IS REALLY A GAMBLING SHIP, EH?

YES! RUN BY MONTY JULEP! HE HAS ALL HIS CREW COSTUMED LIKE OLDTIME MISSISSIPPI GAMBLERS! HIS SHOWBOAT PADDLES AROUND OUTSIDE THE LEGAL LIMIT SO WE CAN'T ARREST HIM!



ONE HOUR LATER... ON THE GAMBLING SHIP, TWO SENTRIES IDLE AWAY THE TIME...

PETE, I THINK I'LL TRY SOME TARGET PRACTICE ON THAT SEA GULL!

YOU SAP! THE SHOTS WOULD PANIC THE CHUMPS AT JULEP'S TABLES! PUT YOUR GUN AWAY!

A GOOD THING, TOO... FOR THE "SEA GULL" IS IN REALITY A UNIQUE CAMOUFLAGE UNDER-WATER HELMET WORN BY BATMAN!

THEN, THE CHURNING STERNWHEEL CARRIES THE ACROBATMAN UNSEEN TO A TOP DECK!

TRICKY, BUT IT'S A SHORT-CUT TO THE WHEEL-ROOM!

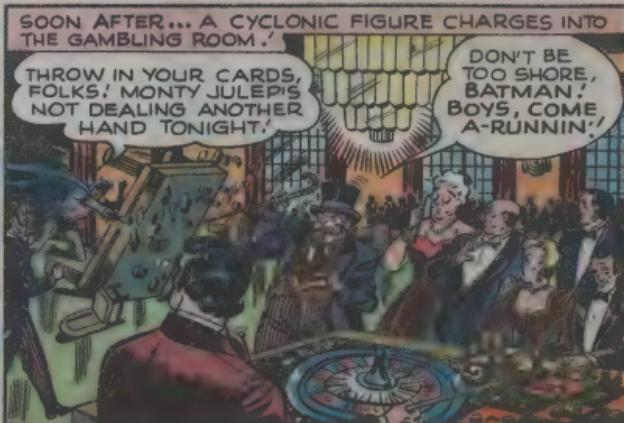


JUST A LITTLE MUTINY, CAPTAIN!

SOON AFTER... A CYCLONIC FIGURE CHARGES INTO THE GAMBLING ROOM!

THROW IN YOUR CARDS, FOLKS! MONTY JULEP IS NOT DEALING ANOTHER HAND TONIGHT!

DON'T BE TOO SHORE, BATMAN! BOYS, COME A-RUNNIN'!







ABRUPTLY, CHILL GETS UP AND SNAPS A SWITCH ON AN INSTRUMENT PANEL....

SUDDENLY, THE TELLTALE SCREEN 'REVEALS -

YOU'RE A-GOIN' TO LOOK AT TELEVISION... NOW?
NO! I'M JUST MAKIN' SURE YOU WEREN'T FOLLOWED! THIS IS REALLY A PERISCOPE THAT LOOKS OVER THE BACKYARD.'

BATMAN! HE MUST'VE BEEN HIDDEN IN THE CABIN OF MY BOAT.

THIS IS A TRAP!

JULEP, YOU DIRTY DOUBLECROSSER, I'M SENDING YOU ON A ONE-WAY TRIP... AND I AIN'T CHARGIN' YOU A CENT!

HEARING THE SHOT, BATMAN BURSTS IN!

OH... BATMAN! THIS... THIS CRIMINAL WANTED ME TO SMUGGLE HIM OUT OF THE STATE IN ONE OF MY TRUCKS! I REFUSED... HE TRIED TO SHOOT ME... IT WAS SELF-DEFENSE...



THAT NIGHT, A BROODING BATMAN WEIGHS HIS CASE AGAINST HIS ENEMY...

HM-MM! I'M CLOSING IN ON JOE CHILL—BUT HOW CAN I MAKE HIM CONFESS THAT HE KILLED MY FATHER?



THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY. IT'S A DESPERATE MOVE... BUT I MUST TAKE IT... EVEN IF IT MEANS THE END OF BATMAN'S CAREER!

PRESENTLY, BATMAN CALLS ON JOE CHILL...

CHILL, I WANT TO TELL YOU A STORY... WITHOUT AN ENDING! MAYBE YOU CAN SUPPLY IT. IT BEGAN SOME YEARS AGO IN GOTHAM CITY... WHEN THOMAS WAYNE, HIS WIFE, AND YOUNG SON, BRUCE, WERE STOPPED BY A BANDIT...

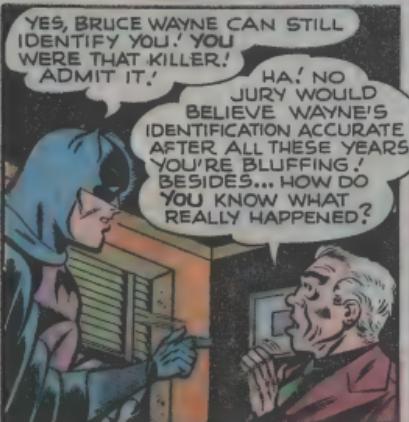
THE BANDIT KILLED THOMAS WAYNE... HIS WIFE DIED FROM THE SHOCK! FRIGHTENED, THE COWARDLY KILLER, RAN AWAY... BUT NOT BEFORE YOUNG BRUCE WAYNE MEMORIZED HIS FEATURES!



YES, BRUCE WAYNE CAN STILL IDENTIFY YOU! YOU WERE THAT KILLER! ADMIT IT!

HA! NO JURY WOULD BELIEVE WAYNE'S IDENTIFICATION ACCURATE AFTER ALL THESE YEARS! YOU'RE BLUFFING! BEIDES... HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?

I KNOW BECAUSE I AM THE SON OF THE MAN YOU MURDERED! I AM BRUCE WAYNE!!





I BECAME BATMAN
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU
DID AND I SWEAR I'D ARREST
YOU FOR IT SOME DAY! I
CAN'T PROVE YOUR GUILT,
BUT I'LL NEVER STOP
HOUNDING YOU UNTIL
I DO...

"WHATEVER YOU DO,
I'LL BE WATCHING..."



I'LL ALWAYS BE WATCHING...
AND SOMEDAY YOU'LL MAKE A
MISTAKE... AND I'LL BE THERE...
WAITING! REMEMBER...
THAT-AND THIS!



AND WHEN BATMAN LEAVES...

WHAT'LL I DO? BATMAN
MEANS EVERYTHING HE SAID!
HE PROVED IT BY REVEALING
HIS IDENTITY! HE'LL GET
ME...UNLESS I KILL HIM
FIRST!

DESPERATE, CHILL RUNS TO THE REPAIR GARAGE
OF HIS TERMINAL...



LISTEN, BOYS... I NEED HELP BAD!
YEARS AGO, I KNOCKED OFF A GUY...
AN' NOW HIS SON IS AFTER ME!
THAT GUY'S SON IS THE BATMAN!
HE JUST TOLD ME!

YOU...
KNOCKED OFF
BATMAN'S
FATHER? YOU'RE
KIDDIN'!





IT'S TRUE! BATMAN JUST TOLD ME WHO HE IS! HE BECAME BATMAN BECAUSE I KILLED HIS FATHER!

YOU MEAN... YOU'RE THE REASON FOR BATMAN... THE GUY WHO SENT ME UP FOR, TEN YEARS!

SO YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GUY WHO BROKE UP MY NUMBERS RACKET!

YOU MADE BATMAN... YOU MADE THE GUY WHO ONCE PUT ME IN THE PEN!



ALMOST AS ONE MAN, THE HATE-CRAZED THUGS METE VENGEANCE TO THE CRIMINAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DREADED NEMESIS!

BECAUSE OF YOU!

YOU'RE THE GUY!

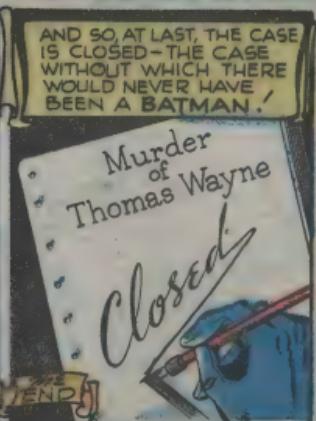
YOU!

ONLY AFTERWARDS DOES COLD SANITY RETURN!

WE MUST'VE GONE TRIGGER-HAPPY. YOU GUYS REALIZE WHAT WE DID?

YEAH... WE PLUGGED CHILL BEFORE HE TOLD US BATMAN'S REAL NAME!





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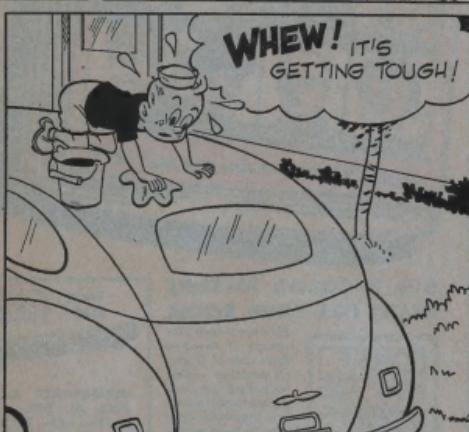
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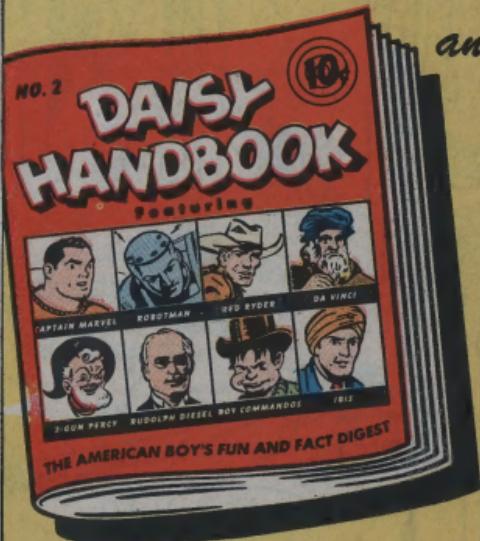
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